consider abolishing this system as it is so very outmoded and obsolete and substitute new conditions of service which will be in line with other Government services? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" That is entirely a different aspect of the question and as I said sometime ago, that is under consideration."

Government Hospital, Coimbatore.

* 1471 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds in the Coimbatore Government Hospital at present both in Medical and Surgical wards;

(*b*) how many in-patients have been provided with beds with cots and how many are lying on the floor without cots; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to improve the hospital under the Five-Year Plan or under any other scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 127 beds in the Medical wards and 105 beds in the Surgical wards.

" (*b*) Only 492 in-patients are provided with cots, the remaining in-patients being accommodated on the floor. The daily average number of in-patients treated in the hospital during 1953 was 683.

" (*c*) None at present.

I wish to add this information: The total number of beds at the Coimbatore Headquarters Hospital was 366 up to May 1954. Government have since increased the bed strength to 500 and also sanctioned the employment of additional staff."

SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" Because of overcrowding, the in-patients are sent out immediately and not kept till they get completely cured. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Advisory Committee of the Hospital have sent any recommendations to the Government for increase of the temporary sheds further and for increase of hospital staff? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is a proposal for further improvement of the hospital at an estimated cost of Rs. 13,11,000 under the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" May I know whether the Government have received any complaint from the public of Coimbatore that most of the patients are sent away before they are completely cured and a section of the patients coming from West Coast are kept in the Hospital until they are restored to complete health? If so, what action do the Government propose to take for this partial treatment of patients? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, nearly 70 per cent of the diseases can be cured without medicines. But poor patients who get into the hospitals want to remain there

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longer as they get a little better food and better accommodation. Since there is excess number of patients seeking admission into the hospital, quicker turnover becomes necessary.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether cancer treatment will be introduced in Coimbatore? " 8–50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It will be done in course of time.''

Tottenham system of Office Procedure.

* 1472 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the present administrative system, introduced by Tottenham in 1935 will be replaced by any new system; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Member is apparently referring to the system of office procedure now in vogue in the Government offices. It is based on a report submitted by Mr. A. R. Loftus Tottenham, I.C.S., in 1918–19. Taken by and large, the system has worked satisfactorily and there is no proposal to replace it by any other system. The District Revenue Administration Enquiry Committee constituted in July 1954 has suggested certain improvements on the existing system. The Government are examining the suggestions.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய நிர்வாகத்தில் ' ரெட் டேபிஸம் ', மிக அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. அதை ஒழிப்பதற்காக வேறு ஏதாவது ஒரு முறையைக் கையாளுவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" வேறு முறையைக் கையாளுவதினால் இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் ' ரெட் டேபிஸத்தை ' விட அதிகமாக புது முறையைக் கையாளுவதினால் வந்துவிடக்கூடாது என்பதுதான் சர்க்காருடைய நோக்கம். ஆகவே புது முறை எதுவும் கையாளும் யோசனை இல்லை."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Tottenham has introduced a new system of maintaining files which only duplicates many files. For instance, if a petition is sent to the Government, it is disposed of then and there. But when a reminder is sent, once again they trace the entire file and then retrace the step. One Mr. Rice has suggested an improvement over this system. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make inquiries about the Rice Disposal System? I have been requesting the former Cabinet and the present Cabinet also to examine that system. But the Government have not taken any steps in that direction. Will the Government institute an inquiry and find out how best the Tottenham system which is a rotten system could be improved by the introduction of the Rice Disposal System? ''